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THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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TO ALL CLERGY AND ORDAINED MONASTICS
OF THE DIOCESE OF EASTERN AMERICA
THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

SUBJECT: HOLY WEEK AND PASCHAL SERVICES

Very Reverend, Reverend, and Venerable Fathers,

I pray that this circular finds all of you, your families and those entrusted to your pastoral care well in the Lord!

Relative to our Act E. No. 96 of March 5, 2021, We are truly pleased that our parishes have been resuming more of a complete cycle of liturgical services during the course of this Great and Holy Lent.

Given the fact that more and more of our faithful are being vaccinated, and precautionary measures are in place, We ask our esteemed parish and monastic clergy, to continue **following local governmental guidelines, and to resume with a regular schedule of Holy Week and Paschal services.**

In the words of St. Irenaeus of Lyon, this is central to our faith, for: *“Our teaching is in accordance with the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn establishes our teaching. For we offer to Him His own, announcing consistently the fellowship and union of the flesh and Spirit. (...) So also our bodies, when they receive the Eucharist, are no longer corruptible, having the hope of the resurrection to eternity.”* (Against Heresies 4:18:5 – 189 A.D).

The above is for your information and, accordingly, implementation.

WITH ARCHPASTORAL BESSINGS,

BISHOP OF EASTERN AMERICA

